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Question,

HOW many Religions are there
in the World?

Ans. Principally Four.

Quest. Which are they?

Ans. Pagan,

Jewish,

Mahometan,

Christian.

Quest. Of which of these Religions are
you?

Ans. Of the Christian Religion.

Quest. How many parties lay claim to
the Christian Religion?

Ans. Two principally.

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Quest.

Quest. Which be they, and how are they called?

Ans. The Papist and the Protestant.

Quest. Of which of these parties are you?

Ans. Of the Protestant.

Quest. What understand you by a Protestant?

Ans. One who takes part with those who formerly protested against the Errors and Corruptions of the Church of Rome.

Quest. What are those Errors?

Ans. They are very many: I am ready to give an account of some of their principal ones.

Quest. What is the first Error?

Ans. In that they forbid the Bible to be read in the vulgar Tongue.

Quest. What is your opinion in this thing concerning the Scriptures?

Ans. The Scriptures were written for the use of the common people, and therefore should be translated into known Tongues.

Quest.

Quest. To what end?

Ans. That they may be heard, read and understood of all.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. Because the Lord frequently commands the reading of the Scriptures by the people, and solemnly charges the reading of them to the people.

Quest. Where is the command?

Ans. Deut. 31. 11. Thou shalt read thie law before all Israel in their hearing. Joh. 5. 39. Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life. Acts 15. 21. Moses hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the Synagoges every Sabbath-day. Eph. 3. 4. Whereby when ye read, ye may understand my knowledg in the mystery of Christ. Col. 4. 16. When this Epistle is read among you, cause it, that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that ye also read the Epistle from Laodicea, 1 Thes. 5. 27. I charge you by the Lord that this Epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. Rev. 1. 2. Blessed

is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy.

Quest. What is a second Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their receiving unwritten Traditions, with equal respect and reverence, as we receive the Holy Scriptures.

Quest. Wherein lieth the evil of this opinion?

Ans. In making Traditions of men equal in dignity and authority with the express Revelation of God.

Quest. What is your opinion in this matter?

Ans. That the Scriptures in themselves are a full, sufficient, and perfect rule.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. Because it containeth all things that are necessary for men to believe, and do in order to eternal life, Isa. 8. 20. To the law, and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. Joh. 20. 30.

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These are written, that ye may believe, that
 Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that
 believing ye might have life through his
 Name. Gal. 1. 8. Tho we or an Angel
 from Heaven preach any other Gospel, than
 that which we have preached unto you, let
 him be accursed. Eph. 2. 20. Built upon
 the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets,
 Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner
 stone. 2 Tim. 3. 16, 17. From a child
 thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which
 are able to make thee wise unto salvation
 through faith, which is in Christ Jesus.
 That the man of God may be perfectly
 thoroughly furnished (man perfected) into
 all good works.

Quest. What is a Third Error of the
 Papists?

Ans. That we are to believe the Scrip-
 tures upon the sole Authority of the
 Church.

Quest. Wherein lieth the error of this
 opinion?

Ans. It lieth in this, namely, that men
 being liable to mistake, may lead me in

to errors; so that I can never be sure, that what I take as my rule, is indeed that right one of Gods prescribing: therefore the testimony of the Church cannot be the only or chief reason of our believing the Scripture to be the Word of God. Eph. 2. 20. *Built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles; Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone.* 1 Thes. 2. 13. *For this cause thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men but (as it is in truth) the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

Quest. What then is the chief reason of our belief of the Scriptures?

Ans. The Testimony of the Spirit of God, in the word it self, witnessing it to be of God. Psal. 119. 105. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Prov. 6. 13. Commandment is a lamp, and the law is light. Heb. 4. 12. The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper

sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of Soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 2 Pet. 1. 19. We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto you do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

Quest. What is a fourth Error of the Papists?

Ans. In asserting the Infallibility of their Pope and Church, and that every man must submit his faith and conscience to them.

Quest. Do the papists any where assert this?

Ans. Yes: and Bellarmine in particular layeth down this position, That if the Pope command the practice of vice, and forbid vertuous Actions, the Church is bound to believe vices to be good, and Vertues to be bad, Bell. de Pontif. Rom. lib. 4. cap. 5.

Quest.

Quest. What is the Protestant belief in this matter?

Ans. That there is no human supreme infallible Judg in the Church of God, to whom all Christians are obliged to submit their faith and conscience in all matters of Religion.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. From three Reasons:

1. Because it is a greater authority than the Apostles did ever claim. *Cor.*

I. 24. Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy, for by faith you stand.

2. Because it is contrary to Christs command, concerning trial of Doctrine, *1 Pet. 3. 15. Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you: 1 Job. 4. 1. Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God.*

3. Because as to matter of fact, guides and teachers have caused the people to sin in following them, *Exod. 32. 5, 31.*

When Aaron saw it, he built an Altar before

fore it, and Aaron made proclamation and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord.

v. 31. And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Isa.

3. 12. Oh my people, they which lead thee, cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. Mat. 23. 3. Do not ye after their works, for they say and do not.

Quest. What is a Fifth Error of the Papists?

Ans. That the Pope is Universal Head of the Church.

Quest. What is the Protestant belief in this matter?

Ans. We deny that there is any such visible Head, therefore the Pope cannot be so.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. Because neither our Creed, nor the sacred Scriptures hath revealed any such thing to us.

Quest. Whom then do the Protestants affirm to be universal Head of the Church?

Ans. Jesus Christ, and him only.

Quest.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. Because the Scriptures reveal it, Psal. 2. 6. *I have set my King upon my holy hill of Zion.* Eph. 1. 22. *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the Church.*

Quest. What is a sixth Error of the Papists?

Ans. That Kings and Emperors, with their respective subjects, are at the Popes disposal in general, and particularly that the persons and estates of the Clergy are not under the power of the Civil Magistrate.

Quest. What is the Protestants belief?

Ans. 1. That Kings and Emperors are not properly Subjects to the Pope, nor hath the Pope any power to absolve any of their Subjects from their Allegiance.

2. That even the Clergy are subject to secular Princes, and their bodies and estates under their government.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. Because they are in the number of those on whom the Scripture chargeth

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subjection, Rom. 13. 1. Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. Tit. 1. 3 put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates. 1 Pet. 1. 13, 14, 15. Submit your selves to every ordinance of man for the Lords sake, whether it be to the King as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him, for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well: For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

Quest. What is the seventh Error of the Papists?

Ans. That the Pope of Rome is next under Christ.

Quest. What say the Protestants.

Ans. That he is Antichrist, because none have more the marks of Antichrist than he.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. Because no Antichrist can do worse things than he, 2 Thes. 2. 3, 4, 9, 10. That day shall not come, except there come

a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, that son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or is worshipped; so that he, as God, sitteth in the Temple of God, shewing himself that he is God: v. 9. Even him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power, and signs, and lying wonders: v. 10. And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. Rev. 13. throughout.

Quest. What is an eight Error of the Papists?

Ans. That the Protestants are Hereticks for separating from them.

Quest. What say the Protestants to this?

Ans. They say, that it being granted, that the Protestants did separate from the Church of Rome, yet that they did it upon just grounds.

Quest. How do you prove that?

Ans. Because they did it for the sake of Christ, and the Purity of Religion, for which reason they are commanded so
to

to do, 2 Cor. 6. 15, 16, 17, 18. What concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an Infidel? What agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols? ye are the Temple of the living God. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Quest. What was there in the Romish Religion that occasioned their separation?

Ans. In that it was a

Superstitious

Idolatrous

Damnablen

Bloody

Traiterous

Blind

Blasphemous

} Religion.

Quest. But why do you say their separation being granted? Do they not grant their separation?

Ans.

Ans. They need not; for the Church of Rome more properly separated from them, than they from the Church of Rome, in that they broke off from the foundation of the Apostles Doctrine, which the Protestants retain still, holding the head, the Papists having separated them from their company, and cast them out for the *son of mans sake*, Luke 6. 22.

Quest. What is a ninth Error of the Papists?

Ans. That the Church of Rome is the only true Church.

Qu. What say the Protestants to this?

Ans. We deny it.

Quest. Why?

Ans. Because the Roman Church agreeth not with the definition of a true Church.

Quest. What is the true Church?

Ans. The true Church is the Universal Congregation, or Fellowship of Gods faithfulelect people, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the cheif corner-stone.

Quest.

Quest. What are the marks of a true Church?

Ans. Such as these: Pure & sound Doctrine preached, the Sacraments administered according to Christ's Institution, the right use of Ecclesiastical Discipline. *John 10. 4. The sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Eph. 5. 26. — he might sanctifie and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.*

Quest. What is a Tenth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their praying to Saints and Angels.

Quest. What is the Protestants opinion in this matter?

Ans. That praying to Saints and Angels, is a dangerous corrupting of holy Worship, and abominable in the sight of God.

Q. How prove you that?

Ans. 1. It is absurd and ridiculous.
2. They being not capable to hear our prayers; *Abraham is ignorant of us, Isa. 63. 16.*

12. In that they cannot be sure they are all real Saints to whom they pray; nay, we know the Pope hath canonized many wicked men.

2. It hath no warrant from the Word of God, but forbidden. *Mat. 4. 10. Him only shalt thou serve.*

3. It is Idolatrous.

4. It is injurious to the Mediatory-office of Christ. *1 Tim. 2. 5. There is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Joh. 2. 1. If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

5. Angels refuse it. *Rev. 22. 9. See thou do it not, for I am thy fellow servant.*

Quest. *What is an Eleventh Error of the Papists?*

Ans. Their Doctrine of Purgatory.

Quest. *What do you understand by Purgatory?*

Ans. A place wherein Saints are purged after this life, that were not fully purged here; to the intent they may enter purer into

into Heaven. *Bellarm. de Purgat. lib. 2. cap. 6.*

Quest. *What is the Protestants belief concerning Purgatory?*

Ans. That as there is no such place, so the belief of it is dangerous and groundless.

Quest. *How prove you that there is no such place?*

Ans. From *Rev. 14. 13.* *Blessed are the dead, for they rest from their labours, from henceforth that dye in the Lord.*

Quest. *Why is it dangerous and groundless?*

Ans. 1. Because there is no ground for it in Scripture.

2. Because they that belong to God can be no where afflicted, but He is afflicted with them, *Isa. 63. 9.* *In all their affliction he was afflicted.*

3. Because it denies the fulness of Christs satisfaction.

4. Because hereby the horrid nature of sin is lessened.

5. Because the Saints confidence and

comfort is hereby impaired; the desire that St. Paul hath to be dissolved, is, that he may be with Christ, Phil. 1. 23.

Quest. What is a Twelfth Error of the Papists?

Ans. That some sins are venial.

Quest. What is the Protestants belief in this point?

Ans. That no sin is in its own nature venial, but every sin is deadly, and deserves eternal damnation, Deut. 27. 26.

Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in this law to do them.

Ezek. 18. 4. The soul that sinneth, it shall die. Rom. 6. 23. The wages of sin is death.

Jam. 2. 10. Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and offend in one point, is guilty of all.

Quest. What is a Thirteenth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their Doctrine of Merit.

Quest. What is the Protestants opinion in this thing?

Ans. That the reward of good works is not deserved by them that receive it.

Quest.

Quest. How prove you that ?

Ans. 1. Because good works are rewarded meerly out of mercy and grace. *Psal. 62. 12. Unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy; for thou rendrest to every man according to his work. Rom. 11. 6. If by grace, then is it no more of work, otherwise grace is no more grace: but if it be of works, then is it no more grace, otherwise work is no more work. Tit. 3. 5. Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us. 1 Pet. 1. 13. Hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

2. Because Eternal Life is the Gift of God. *Luke 12. 32. It is your Fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Rom. 6. 23. The gift of God is eternal life.*

3. Because Believers owe all to God, therefore can merit nothing from him. *Luke 17. 10. When ye have done all that you can, say that ye are unprofitable servants, we have done that which was our duty to do. 1 Cor. 4. 7. What hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst re-*

ceive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 1 Cor. 6. 19. *Ye are not your own.* Phil. 2. 13. *It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

Quest. what is a Fourteenth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their works of Supererogation.

Quest. what say the Protestants to this?

Ans. That they who in their obedience attain the greatest degree, fall short of much, which in duty they are bound to do, much less can they do more, or have any oyl to spare, wherewith to help others. Mat. 25. 9. *The wise answered, Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you.*

Quest. what is every man bound to do?

Ans. To full conformity in the whole man to the righteous law of God.

Quest. Is not this to be under the law, and not under grace?

Ans. Believers are not under the Law as a Covenant of Works, but as a rule of life.

life. *Mat. 17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.* *Rom. 7. 12.*

22. The law is holy, and just, and good: v. 22. I delight in the law of God after the inward man.

Quest. May not Saints do more good than they have need of for themselves?

Ans. No; when you have done all that is commanded, say you are unprofitable servants, *Luk. 7. 10.*

Quest. What is a Fifteenth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their corrupting the Doctrine of Justification.

Quest. wherein do they corrupt it?

Ans. They tell us we must be justified by our own righteousness, and that a perfect righteousness within us.

Quest. What mean they by a perfect righteousness within?

Ans. Any degree of charity is their righteousness in perfection.

Quest. What is the Protestant Doctrine concerning Justification?

Ans. That Believers are justified freely by the Grace of God, whereby he accepteth them as righteous only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. By these Scriptures. Rom. 3. 24. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ. Chap. 5. 8, 9. God commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us: Much more then being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Chap. 10. 3. They being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. Eph. 1. 6, 7. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.

Quest. What is a Sixteenth Error of the Papists?

Ans.

Ans. Their worshipping of Images.

Q. What is the Protestants belief?

Ans. That it is not lawful to make Images of God, nor to direct our worship to an Image, or by the help of an Image, or to give religious worship to any creature. *Mat. 4. 10. Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Rev. 19. 10. See thou do it not, I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren.*

Quest. What is a Seventeenth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their praying in an unknown tongue.

Quest. What saith the Protestant?

Ans. That publick prayer is not to be made in an unknown Tongue, but in such a language as is understood by the common people.

Quest. What mean you by prayer?

Ans. Confession of sin, Petition for Grace, Intercession for others, and giving of Thanks.

Quest.

Quest. why must we not pray in an unknown tongue?

Ans. Because it cannot be to edification, 1 Cor. 14. 26. *Let all things be done to edifying.* ver. 16. *How shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned, say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?*

Quest. Why may we not preach in an unknown tongue?

Ans. 1. For the same reason, viz. because it is not to edification, and so plainly against the Word of God, 1 Cor. 14. at the beginning.

2. Because it is against the custom of the Primitive Church, to have publick Prayer, or Preaching, or Administration of the Sacraments in a Tongue not understood by the people.

3. Because the Original Tongues are not known to all the people who have right unto, and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded in the Fear of God to read and search them.

Quest.

Quest. What is an Eighteenth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their Doctrine of Indulgences.

Quest. What do the Papists mean by their Indulgences?

Ans. An absolution from the guilt of punishment, by the satisfactions which are contained in the Church treasury.

Quest. What is the Protestants belief in this matter?

Ans. That Papal Indulgences are the worst of cheats, and abominable injuries to Christ and Christians.

Quest. How prove you that?

A. 1. Because there is no pardon of sin, but by the Mercy of God, through the Blood of Christ. Rom. 5. 1. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 1. 7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

2. Because there is no such thing in Scripture, that the merits of one Saint should

should be able to make satisfaction for the sins of another.

Ans. It is most injurious to Christ, who needeth not any Merits of Saints to be added to his satisfaction; For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that be sanctified, Heb. 10. 14.

Quest. What is a Nineteenth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their forbidding Priests to marry.

Quest. What do they speak of marriage itself?

Ans. They do not forbid all marriage, but speak disgracefully and contemptuously of it.

Quest. What say the protestants in this matter?

Ans. That the Popish Doctrine forbidding to Marry, is devilish and wicked Doctrine.

Quest. How prove you that?

Ans. 1. Because it is that which God not only alloweth, but in some cases commandeth, making no exception of

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the Clergy from others. *Mat. 19. 11.*
All men cannot receive this saying, save
they to whom it is given. 1 Cor. 7. 2.
To avoid fornication, let every man have
his own wife. Chap. 9. 5. Have we not
power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well
as other apostles, and as the brethren of
the Lord and Cephas? 1 Tim. 3. 2. A
Bishop must be blameless, the husband of
one wife. Tit. 1. 6. If any be blameless,
the husband of one wife, having faithful
children. Heb. 13. 4. Marriage is ho-
nourable in all, and the bed undefiled:
but whoremongers and adulterers God will
judge. 1 Pet. 1. 10. Give diligence
to 2. Because it leads to much lewdness
and villany, as Fornication, Adultery,
Incest, Sodomy, Murder, &c.
3. Because this Doctrine is a badge of
Antichrist. 1 Tim. 4. 1, 3. The spirit speak-
eth expressly, that in the latter times, some
shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to
seducing spirits, and doctrines of Devils.
4. 3. Forbidding to marry.
 Quest.

Quest. what is a Twentieth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Denying the Doctrine of Assurance.

Quest. what saith the Papists of it?

Ans. That a Believers assurance of the pardon of his sin is a vain and ungodly confidence.

Quest. what is the Protestants belief in this matter?

Ans. That it is not only our privilege that we may, but our duty to labour after assurance that our sins are pardoned, 2 Pet. 1. 10. Give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

Quest. How doth it appear to be our duty?

Ans. 1. From the nature, use, and end of the holy Scriptures, which are a good Foundation of assurance. Rom. 15. 4. Whatsoever things were written of old time, were written for our learning, that we through

through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

2. From the nature of conscience, and its power. 1 John 3. 19, 20, 21. Hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him: For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things: If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God.

3. Because it hath been attained by others, as Job, David, Paul, &c.

4. Because God hath appointed Ordinances, that believers may have assurance.

Quest. What is the One and Twentieth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their Doctrine of Seven Sacraments.

Quest. What is a Sacrament?

Ans. A Sacrament is an Ordinance of Christ, consisting of visible signs, representing, sealing, and applying Christ, and the benefits of the New-Covenant to Believers.

Quest.

Quest. How many Sacraments are there in the New-Testament?

Ans. Only two, viz. Baptism and the Lords Supper.

Quest. Which be those other five which the Papists have added.

Ans. 1. Confirmation. 2. Extreme Unction. 3. Matrimony. 4. Holy Orders. 5. Penance.

Quest. Why may not these be sacramental as well as the other two?

1. Because there are not sufficient parts in any of them to make a Sacrament. Prov. 30. 6. *Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.*

2. Because there are no parts of a Sacrament in any of these, but what is included in Baptism and the Lords Supper.

Quest. What is a Two and Twentieth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their Doctrine of Transubstantiation.

Quest.

Quest. What do they understand by Transubstantiation?

Ans. That by the Consecration of the Bread and Wine, there is made a Conversion of the whole substance of the Bread into the substance of the body of Christ, and of the Wine into the substance of the blood of Christ.

Quest. What Scripture do they alledge for this?

Ans. Joh. 6. 51, 53, 54, 55, 56.

Quest. What say the Protestants to this assertion?

Ans. 1. That Christ blessed Bread and Wine, therefore did not destroy them.

2. That it is Bread and Wine in the Sacrament, which Christ hath commanded his Ministers to administer, and his people to receive.

3. That the Apostle himself doth no less than three times call it Bread and wine after Consecration, 1 Cor. 11. 26, 27, 28.

Quest. What other reasons do the Protestants give against Transubstantiation?

Ans. 1. It takes away the great evidence of the first Witnesses to Christianity, 1. *Joh. 1. That which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, &c.*

2. It makes void the whole Institution, 1. *Cor. 11. 23, 24. I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take eat, this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

3. It will not allow men the Privilege of Beasts, to judge by their senses, as Seeing, Smelling, Tasting, &c.

Quest. What is a Twenty third Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their denying the use of the Cup to the People in the Sacrament.

Quest. What is the Protestants belief in this matter?

Ans.

Ans. That every Communicant hath an undeniable right to the blessed Cup in the Lord's Supper.

Quest. How prove you that ?

Ans. From the Institution of this Sacrament, and our Saviour's command annexed thereunto, *Matth. 26, 27.* He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it.

2. From the example and appointment of the Apostles, *Mark 14. 23.* And they all drank of it.

3. Because without the Cup a man cannot answer the end of this Sacrament. As oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come, *1 Cor. 11. 26.*

4. Because the same right we have to Christs blood, we have to the Cup, *Matth. 26, 27, 28.* He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the New Testament; which is shed for many for the remission of sins, *Luke 22. 20.* This cup is the New Testament in my blood.

blood, which is shed for you, 1 Cor. 10. 16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

Quest. What is the twenty-fourth Error of the Papists?

Ans. Their Doctrine of the Mass.

Quest. What do they understand by the Mass?

Ans. That which the Protestants (according to the Scripture) call the Lord's Supper, Papists call the Mass, whereby the Sacrament is made a Sacrifice, and offered up to God, *Beitar. lib. 1. de missa cap. 1.*

Quest. What say the Protestants of the Mass?

Ans. That it is a vain and Idolatrous thing, as used by them.

Quest. Why vain?

Ans. Because by Christ's Sacrifice, God is sufficiently satisfied, and the repenting Sinner fully secured, *Heb. 10. 12.* This man after he had offered one Sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

Quest.

Quest. Why Idolatrous?

Ans. Because they make it a meer Idol, not only worshipping it as God, but trusting therein for salvation, as in Christ himself.

Quest. How prove you that the Mass is not the very same Sacrifice with that of Christ crucified on the Cross?

Ans. 1. God appointed Christ for a Sacrifice, but never the Mass.

2. The Mass is not of the same sort or kind with that of Christ crucified.

Quest. Wherein lieth the difference?

Ans. 1. It was the Sacrifice of the very Body, born of a Virgin, but the Mass of a piece of Bread.

2. There was shedding of Blood, but the Mass is an unbloody Sacrifice.

3. It had the due proportion of a man, but the Mass is a Wafer.

Quest. Are there no more Errors of the Papists?

Ans. Yes, many; but these are sufficient to make the Protestant abhor their Church and Doctrine.

Quest. Where was the Protestant Religion before Luther?

Ans. In the Bible Doctrinally, and in its fruits in the hearts and lives of all good men.

Quest. Where were the Disciples first called Christians?

Ans. At Antioch the Disciples were first called Christians. Act. 11. 26.

Quest. Then the name of Christian had not its rise from Rome?

Ans. No.

Quest. What doth the name Christian put us in mind of?

Ans. It putteth us in mind of what Christ hath done for us, and the many Benefits we obtain from his Life, Death, Resurrection and Intercession.

Quest. What more?

Ans. It is a remembrance unto us what we should do for Christ, in gratitude of what he hath done for us.

Quest. Do not Popish Priests, Jesuits, and others that dye for Treasons and Murders, dye like Christians?

Ans.

Ans. No: True Christians at their Death will give Glory to God.

Quest. Do not they give glory to God?

Ans. No: if they did, they would confess their just deserts that brings them to that punishment.

Quest. Why do they not confess their Treasons, Murder, &c. when they come to dye for them?

Ans. Because their Church forbids them to confess to Protestants, which they call Hereticks.

Quest. How doth that appear?

Ans. In that they receive their absolution upon condition, that they dye concealing the Crime for which they dye.

Quest. Upon what Principle do they proceed in this?

Ans. Upon this Principle, namely, That no man owes his enemy Truth.

Quest. Why so?

Ans. Because then he owes him what may be a means for his preservation.

Quest.

Quest. *What use do they make of this Principle?*

Ans. That the Protestants being Adversaries to the Church of Rome, her Sons owe them nothing but ruin and destruction; and the *viest* of means they can use for that end, are meritorious and glorious.

I Have not inserted the Quotations under the Five last Questions, in regard the Authors are so numerous; if the Papists shall deny it, let the Reader peruse what the Protestant Authors have quoted out of the *Romanist*'s own books, and he will find that they do not only make this kind of Perjury *blameless*, but *necessary*; breach of Oaths is no less with them than a virtue, or a necessary duty in many cases, especially when any thing of moment is to be opposed, which is against the Laws of the *Roman Church*, against that particularly of the General Council of *Lateran*, under Pope *Innocent* the Third, which forbids all favour to be

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shewed to *Hereticks*, under the severest
 Penalties and Decrees: That favourers
 of *Hereticks* are under Excommunication;
 if they will not break their Oaths made
 in favour of *Hereticks*; and that by the
 Sacred Decree of their Church, he must
 be forsworn if he will not be excom-
 municated, and thereby exposed to the
 violence of every hand, yea, one that
 hath taken the Oaths of Allegiance and
 Supremacy, according to their Do-
 ctine, sins mortally, and puts himself
 into the state of Damnation; not if he
 takes those Oaths, (for that their Priest
 may dispense with) but if he keeps them.
 So Pope Martin the Fifth declared in
 Writing to Alexander Duke of Lotharing,
*Know (says he) that thou sinnest mortal-
 ly, if thou keep thy Oaths with Hereticks;*
Apud Cochleum, 2169. High Hallward
 and hereby it appears, that no Papist can
 possibly give any security which may
 be trusted, that Protestants shall enjoy
 any thing which is in their Power to de-
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prive them of; for the greatest securi-
 ties that can be given in this case, are
 engagements of *Faith* and *Truth*; God
 being invocated for Confirmation in
 solemn Oaths; but their Religion hath
 laid such strong bonds upon them, to
 break all bonds that may favour the Pro-
 testants, that it leaves no hope of salva-
 tion to them who will nor at their deaths
 take it upon their salvation, the great-
 est untruth if the Catholick Cause may
 be holpen by it, for another General
 Council, that of *Constance*, hath determi-
 ned, that *no Faith is to be kept with*
Hereticks, in the 19th Session of that As-
 sembly: that no safe Conduct given by
 Emperor, King, or Secular Prince to *He-*
reticks, or any defamed for *Hereticks*,
 though with a design to reduce them,
 by what engagements soever they have
 obliged themselves, shall hinder those
Hereticks from being destroyed, though
 they come to the place of Judgment, re-
 lying upon such security, as in *John Huss's*
 case by Pope *John* the 20th. Hereby
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Protestants may understand what reason they have to trust to nothing among Papists, but what will keep them out of their power, seeing the principles of that Religion (not private mens opinions, but the Determination of Councils) bind them to observe no Faith, nor Truth, or common honesty with those whom they account *Hereticks*; no, not when life is concerned, rather than a Protestant shall be safe in any of his concerns where they can reach them: It is a *virtue*, a duty in their Religion, to snap asunder all sectivity (by which the world hath hitherto been preserved) to ruine a *Heretick*, and they who would see more of this at large, may read the *Jesuits Morals*, the *Practical Divinity of the Papists*, and *Mystery of Jesuitism*, besides the late instances which they have given at their Deaths, who have been executed for Treason and Murders, denying the things for which they suffered, though proved upon them as clear as the Sun at noon-day; occasioned by the awe their Priests have upon

on them; being so far led away with them, that the obedience of the dying Profelyte is prevalent, even above his Considerations for a future Estate.

This will be more apparent, if we consider, that hundreds of *Irish* Papists are executed in the Kingdom of *Ireland* every year for Murders, Thefts, &c. and though taken in the very fact, yet when they come to die, usually take it upon their Deaths, and as they must appear before the Great Judge that knows all things, that they are as innocent from the fact for which they die as the Child unborn. For they having discharged their Consciences, by confessing it to the Priest, and receiv'd his absolution, it would bring an odium on their Religion, and would be a strengthening the hands of the Protestants, if the Priests should suffer it. Whereas on the other side, could they perswade the simple people to believe they dyed innocent, they hope it may lay a stain upon that Religion which they call so often by the name of *Heresie*.

Heresie. And though those Priests have always that regard to their Church, as to impose upon the Prisoner, to let the world know he dyeth a *Roman Catholick*; yet he hath also much care of the Man, that he must not desire the Prayers of any but Papists.

These Things being so usual among them, any considerate man will easily judg, without breach of charity, upon what ground such men are seduced to commit a sin, and then *out-face* the truth of the matter of fact, even in the face of Death.

BEcause the Papists shall not say, the charge I give their Religion under the Eighth Error is groundless, I shall instance in particular; And

1. I say 'tis a *Superstitious Religion*.

It were innumerable to account the many vain fopperies in their Devotions which they place Religion in: as the Tooth of *St. Christopher*. The Hair of *St.*

St. Peter's Beard, the Shift that came off
 the Back of the Virgin Mary, and the
 Dust and Vermin which they keep of
 some Saints. Valla a great Person of
 Learning and Eminency among them,
 saith, There are ten thousand such things
 in Rome; if the Host fall to the ground
 it must be licked up, the ground is to be
 scraped, and the scraping reduced to ashes,
 is to have place among their Reliques. but
 Add to this their Holy water, their
 Salt, their Spittle, their Holy Oyl, their
 Beads, Whippings, Fast-days, Pilgrima-
 ges, Nunneries, Crossing themselves, Bap-
 tizing of Bells, Fonts, &c. So that the
 great Erasmus in his Annotations, ap-
 proved by Pope Leo the Tenth, saith,
 Their whole Religion is almost brought to
 their superstitious treatment of Reliques,
 through the covetousness of Priests, and
 the Hypocrisie of Monks, sed by the foolish-
 ness of the people. *It were innumerable*
 2. Tis an Idolatrous Religion, *mean*
 3. In worshipping Saints, adoring the
 Host, and worshipping Images: Their
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worshipping of Reliques, giving Religious Worship to such things as they do but fancy to be Reliques; and not only when they are whole and sound, but when they are corrupted, and reduced to dust, or nothing else left of them, but the Vermin bred in them. *Henricus*, one of the School-Doctors concludes, That the Reliques in the form of dust and ashes, may and ought to be adored, but not under the form of Vermin; and gives some reason for it. But their great *Vasquez* rejects this scruple, and the ground of it as vain and frivolous, and concludes they may be worshipped, as well when they are Vermin, as when they are ashes. Besides their Angel-worship, Image-worship, and Saint-worship.

3. 'Tis a *Damnable Religion*.

In that it overthrows the very foundation of Christianity; their Doctrine of Transubstantiation overthrows the Truth of Christs humane Nature; their proper Sacrifice, his only Sacrifice for sin offered once for all; their Doctrine of

Merits,

Merits, for his Merits; the multitude of Mediators among them, deny that only Mediator between God and Man, the Man Jesus Christ : Their Sacrificing-Priests overthrow Christ's Priestly Office ; Their vilifying the Scriptures, and setting up their unwritten Traditions to be received with equal reverence with them, overthrows Christ's Prophetical Office.

The great Article of forgiveness of sins and free Justification through the Grace of God in Jesus Christ, is overthrown by their Doctrine of Merit, Pardons, Indulgences, &c,

4. *Tis a Bloody Religion*, wherein *Papal Rome* exceeds *Heathen Rome*.

Witness the horrid Murders and Massacres of the poor *Waldenses*, who have been persecuted with Fire and Sword, Armies and Inquisitions, and very many Thousands (nay infinite numbers) of them have been inhumanely murdered.

That Barbarous and prodigious Villany, and great Massacre of Protestants
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in *France*, Anno 1572, where about 30 or 40000 innocent Protestants in *Paris* and other part of *France*, were suddenly and inhumanely murdered by *Papists*.

Witness *Spain's* invincible *Armada*, in Anno 1588, when *Rome's* force threatned to swallow us up. Witness the *Gunpowder Treason*, a black and unparallel'd villainy, worthy *Rome* and a *Jesuit*; the blowing up of a whole Parliament, King, Lords and Commons, the murdering a Kingdom in its Representatives, and this in a moment.

After that, their bloody Rebellion in *Ireland*, where they murdered a Hundred thousand Protestants in cold blood, without any provocation given, but to kill *Hereticks*.

Add to this their bloody Traiterous design of late against His Majesties Person, the Government, and the Protestant Religion; a Conspiracy, had it taken, might have turned *England* into an *Aceldama*, a Field of Blood, or Sham-

bles of *Popish Butchers*.—These things considered, I hope no man will be so mad to kiss the Popes Toe until his Nails be pared, so as he will not scratch, and make the blood run about the mouths of *Christendom*.

5. 'Tis a *Traiterous Religion*.

For they teach, That the Pope may depose the Emperor, or a King not subject to the Emperor, that the Pope may lawfully absolve Subjects from their Oath of Allegiance.

That Subjects, if they have the Popes consent, (which they are sure to have, if it makes for his interest) may depose their King. That if the King be a manifest *Heretick*, (as all Protestants are with them) then the Church may depose him.

Nor have they been wanting to put this their Principle into practice, so often as they could find occasion: as their attempts on Queen *Elizabeth*, by Poyson, Pistol, Dagger: on King *James*, by Powder-Treason: on King *Charles the First*; and

and on our King, to whom God grant a long and happy Reign.

Nor have we only instances at home, but abroad; the Murder of *Henry the 4th* of *France*, and many others; but above all, the unparallel'd Murder of that Emperor, whom they poysoned with the Sacrament; I call it *unparallel'd*, having never met with a Religion before, that would poyson their God to kill their Emperor.

6. 'Tis a *Blind Religion*.

It leads men out of the way of salvation; it hides the danger of Damnation (to all who have not their hearts thoroughly changed from the love of sin, to the love of God and Holiness) from their eyes; it covers the pit (whose descent is into that which is bottomless) with Spiders Webs, and perswades them 'tis firm ground; it leaves them no sense nor notice of many sins, no conscience of the most, no fear of any, no, not of the worst, such as themselves call *deadly crimes*; it gives as much security to such

wickedness, as a heart that hath sold it self to it, need wish for: it keeps the Bible, the Law of the Lord, which good men make a *light to their feet, a lanthorn to their paths*, away from them; it will not suffer men to believe their senses, or act their reason, nor bottom their Faith upon the Scriptures. That, as that General first blinded the men, then led them into the Enemies Quarerts, so do they, and all the Answer you shall have from the common sort among them, is this, They believe as the Priest bids them; and if he deceives them, the Devil take him.

And as their Faith is, such is their Devotion; the matter of their Prayers is lockt up from them, and they as little concerned to know what becomes of them; sure, if the *blind lead the blind, they must both fall into the ditch.*

Lastly, 'Tis a *Blasphemous Religion.*

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In ascribing the peculiar Excellencies of the Divine Majesty, and the Prerogatives of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the blessed Virgin, and other Creatures, and to their Popes (though divers of them, as themselves acknowledg, were Monsters and Incarnate Devils.)

When one *Phocas* took the Emperor *Maurice* and his Family, Prisoners, who was his lawful Sovereign, and having slain his Wife and Children before his Eyes, nor sparing the little Innocent which hung at the Breasts, did afterward cause his Master's Throat to be cut likewise ; a procedure so black and barbarous, that *Historians* cannot mention it without horror.

Yet Pope *Gregory* congratulates this bloody Treason with abominable Blasphemies, and begins his Address to this *Phocas* in his 36 Epistle, with *Gloria in Excelsis*, the Song of the Angels at the Nativity of our Saviour, *Glory be to God on high* ; and then proceeds, *Let the Hea-*

uens send forth acclamations, the Earth leap for joy, and let all the people be glad thereof.

The *Jesuits* frequently teach, that *Jesus Christ* might have sinned, might have been subject unto vices, might have fallen into error and folly; and that it is no more repugnant to him to err, or to speak a thing false in it self by the nature he hath assumed, than to be tormented and die in the same nature, so *Amicus*, so *Vasquez*, and many more of them

No other sort of *Hereticks*, (not excepting *Turk*, *Jew*, nor *Pagan*, no not those of *Calcutte*, who adore the Devil) did ever maintain by the Grounds of their Religion, that it was lawful, or rather meritorious (as the *Romish* Catholics call it) to murder Princes or people for the quarrel of Religion; and although particular men of all professions of Religion have been, some Thieves, some Murderers, some Traitors; yet ever when they came to their end and just punishment, they confessed their fault

fault to be in their nature, and not in their profession. But these persons cleave to it at their deaths as zealously, as if all they had been doing were the immediate guidance of the blessed Spirit. Such is their blasphemy!

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fail to be in their own right, and not in
their position. But their position
disposes of their health as a reality,
and if they had been doing very well
in the guidance of the blessed
the body is their health.

It is a fact that the body is the
first and most important of the
three elements of the human
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*A Protestant Father's Letter
of Advice to his Son, in
danger of being seduc'd to
Popery.*

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BY a Letter last Week from your Uncle, I am to my grief inform'd that you have lately fallen into the unhappy Acquaintance of some *Popish* Emislaries, and are in danger of being inveigled by them, to revolt from the Protestant Church, to that of *Rome*. I confess the news much surpriz'd me, and I cannot but esteem it an essential part of my Fatherly care to admonish and warn you, both of the unreasonableness and danger of such a change.

a change. I do not much admire, that those that have been always conversant in darkness, should find their eyes offended with the Light ; which makes me extend very charitable thoughts to poor Souls train'd up in Papal ignorance labouring under the almost invincible prejudices of corrupted Education and erroneous Principles ; but that you, born and brought up in a Gospel-Meridian, and (as I well hop'd) understandingly grounded in the Protestant Doctrine, should now stagger in those important Truths, and be gull'd and cheated out of the Religion sealed with the Blood of your Martyr'd Ancestors, and hazard your Soul by a Relapse to that long-since exploded Faction, and their slavish as well as ridiculous Superstitions, is matter of no less wonder than trouble to me ; the rather for that I am satisfied, your Circumstances admit not of any temptations of profit or honour to engage you to their Party ; and without those allurements,
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I profess you are the first that my experience can remember in danger of such a shameful Apostasie.

I shall not swell this Paper with a particular *Examen* of all the *Romish* Errors ; that Task has been sufficiently and unanswerably performed by multitudes of our Learned Writers, to whom I refer you, and charge you to weigh their Arguments seriously before you suffer your Judgment to be debauch'd to a contrary perswasion ; but because I have some hopes your Duty and Filial respect may oblige you to a more near and sensible regard of what is said (though briefly and weakly) by my self, (that can have no design but the good of your Soul) than to the abler reasonings of others more remote ; I shall offer some general Considerations, which methinks should deter you from casting away your self in their Communion.

First then, I do affirm to you, That the Body of the Popish Religion (so far

far as it differs from the Protestant) is composed (notwithstanding all their pretences to Antiquity) of strange Doctrines, Innovations and Abuses; never instituted by Christ, nor warrantable by Holy Scripture, nor known nor practic'd in the primitive Church; but introduced at several times in latter Ages, meerly to serve the pride, or the vanity, the covetousness or the sensuality of the Inventors.

2. That their Doctrines interfere with and infringe the Greatness and Sovereignty of God, and tend to the diminishing the Honour and Service due to him; witness their dividing Adoration betwixt him and Images, Invocation betwixt him and Saints, and absolute obedience betwixt him and the Church, &c. Now what gross and horrible Sacriledg is this? What is it less than to divest him of his Royalty, and give his glory to another?

3. Their Doctrines tend to the de-throning of Christ, the disparaging his perform-

performances, and lessening the Glory and Praise belonging to him; witness their dividing the Sovereignty and Headship betwixt him and the Pope; Satisfaction betwixt his Suffering and their own Merits; and Intercession betwixt him and Saints.

4. Their Doctrines are against the power of Godliness, and rob God of his prime Sacrifice, the Heart; witness their Tenets, that the *Opus operatum* is enough, their prayer in an unknown Tongue, and their assigning to God chiefly external superficial Service, consisting in a rabble of empty childish Rites, and gaudy Ceremonies, and thereby taking from him the nobler part of his Creature, without which the Services or Emassurations of the body, how splendid or severe soever, are no more pleasing to him than the noisom Evaporations of a putrid Carcass to us.

5. Their Doctrines tend not only thus to formality and lukewarmness, but to open profaneness and dissolute living; witness

witness their notion of Venial sins, their Pardons, Absolutions, Indulgences, Dispensations, &c. It being observable, that the most ignorant and careless, or the most wicked and debauch'd, make up the greatest part of their Proselytes; nor is it strange, since false Principles and bad Lives (like Ice and Water) mutually beget each other.

6. Their Doctrines are absurd.

1. Witness their Fancy of the Popes Infallibility; you can scarce cast your eye on any Story, where the Villany of Popes is not at large discovered; and who can believe that the pure Spirit of God should endow with Infallibility of Judgment, Monsters so visibly fullsome and abominable! We find that the Holy Ghost did under the Law hate and forbid all Impurities, though in meer outward Circumstances; how then should he under the brighter light of the Gospel suffer himself to be poured out of one unclean Vessel into another, beginning again with a Conjuror, where he left with a Sodomite.

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2. Witness likewise the Prayer for the dead; a practice (if I may use so light a comparison) altogether as vain and impertinent as that of Bowlers, strenuously crying out, sub or fly, after they have delivered their Cast.

3. Witness too their Darling Whimsie of the corporal Presence, attended with a numerous train of Contradictions and incongruities; they say it is a Sacrament (or sign), and can it be at once both the sign and thing signified? If it be Christ's Body really, how is it sacramentally? If sacramentally, how really and corporally? They say there is no real and corporal Presence till the Priest repeats the words; and if so, then the Creature (and oftentimes a sad one) makes his Creator; and in receiving, the Creator is comprehended by the Creature; absurdities nothing short of Blasphemy; when our Saviour instituted the Supper, and said, *Take eat, &c.* was the Bread and Wine, both the giver and the gift, the body blessing, and the body

dy blest? Did the same body hold the same body in its own Fingers? Was it eaten in pieces by every one of the Disciples, and yet then all whole without them all? Mysteries of Religion may be above, but never so directly against reason; and seriously I admire any man of Sense can be a Papist, when the chief demonstration of his Religion must be his not understanding it.

4. Their Doctrines are dangerous to the Temporal Estate and Just Rights of Princes; witness their Usurpations over (not to say Assassinations of) Kings, disposing of Crowns, absolving Subjects from their Allegiance, &c. For in short, the whole *Romish* Hierarchy is so far from being suited within the order of the Gospel, that the main design of their Popes, Cardinals, Jesuits and Fryers of many sorts (esteemed of the Religious Tribe) is but to advance themselves above all that is called God, and to gratify their base lusts, instead of pleasing of him.

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*Directions how you may keep your
self from being a Papist.*

STudy to have right notions and
due apprehensions of the matter,
import, and chief design of the Gospel:
be not a stranger to the knowledge of
God in Jesus Christ, and the blessed
Spirit. Acquaint your self with the My-
stery of the Gospel, as it lies in the Person,
Nature, Offices, Life and Death of the
Lord Redeemer. Let the Scriptures be
your constant Counsellor; without know-
ledge the heart cannot be good; and a bad
heart is prepared to suck in bad Princi-
ples. 'Tis not for nothing the Papists
make *Ignorance* the Mother of their
Devotion; they that have truly learnt
Christ

Christ and the Gospel, will hardly be taught by *Rome's* Schoolmasters.

2. Study a sound and thorow Conversion: I never yet knew any man blest with a broken and contrite heart (that is, a heart broken for Sin, and a heart broken off from Sin) that ever was taken with their Religion.

3. Get a faithful and a tender conscience; I say *faithful*, for then it will not be satisfied with Dross instead of Gold, with Paint instead of true and sound Piety. A faithful Conscience will inform you, that God is a Spirit; and the more spiritual we are in our Devotions, the more we please him; that 'tis not a pompous, but a pure Worship that he is delighted in: And as to expiation of our guilt, nothing but the blood of Christ can take away sin; that 'tis not their blind penances, pilgrimages, crossings, cringes, will answer the great end of our Redemption; but a heart devoted to his fear and love, and a mind fully set upon him.

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4. Be well acquainted with the plague of your own heart, the nature of Original sin, how it hath defiled and weakened all the powers of the Soul. This will let you see the necessity there is for the blessed Spirit to heal and help those spiritual Distempers; that *without him ye can do nothing*; that 'tis he that *works in you both to will and to do.*

5. Look upon Superstition as a fruit of the Flesh; and that nothing is more grateful to Flesh and Blood, than Idolatry and formality; they that know what proneness there is in the nature of man to a carnal, sensual, vain Religion, will not think it strange that the Papists have foisted in so many fulsome things into their Worship, to comply with the carnal humours of men.

6. Be much in the Duty of Mortification, and that will acquaint you with the way, means, and manner of it; 'tis through the Spirit Believers come to mortify the deeds of the Flesh; at best

the Popish Penances, can but pen up sin, but the next temptation will break the Hedge: Whereas the Blessed Spirit lays his strong hand upon the irritating power of in-dwelling sin, and thereby subjects the heart unto himself; he heals the pollution of our nature, renews us in the spirit of our minds, cleanses our affections, and thereby causes us who formerly delighted in flesh-pleasing Vanities, to delight our selves in him, his word, will, way, &c.

7. Know the mischief of Idolatry. The setting your self against heart-Idols, will keep you from Idol-worship; you know who tells us expressly, I will not give my praise to graven Images. Remember how smartly the *Jews* suffered for this sin, and yet had not such a spiritual dispensation as we that are under the Gospel; if it be so dangerous to shape Idea's of God in our Fancies and Imaginations, though never so much raised in our Invention, how Dangerous must it be to be in a place where
such

such Images are found in Wood and Cloth.

Lastly, Allow your self in no known sin. 'Tis the conscience being made deceitful through such deceitful works, that makes people forward to cover themselves with those figments of Popery; whereas the man that makes it his due care and conscience to keep himself unspotted from allowed evil, is the likeliest man to save himself from such an untoward generation of men, as would put such a Yoke on us as we nor our Fathers were not able to bear.

Your careful Father

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A Prayer against Popery.

OH most Blessed Lord God! thou
most perfect Light; who art the In-
finite inaccessible Light; thou, even thou
art the Light of Heaven, there is no need;
O Lord God most Blessed! of the light
of the Sun, or of any Candle in those
most glorious Mansions above; for thou
and the Lamb are the Light thereof;
therefore gracious Father, come I to thee
to beg thy illuminating Spirit and Grace,
that I who am Darkness, may become Light
in the Lord, that this my Hell of Dark-
ness and Blindness, may become an Hea-
ven of Light and Discerning; thou art
able to do it; Oh do it for thy Names sake!
give me a Mind savingly enlightned by
the most glorious Light of thy holy Spirit
that I may receive the Truth in the Love
of it, that I may be saved thereby: Oh
give

give me not over to a Spirit of delusion, to believe lies, that I may not be damned through my disobedience to the Truth: Wherefore, O most Blessed Father! humbly do I implore thy Divine Majesty, that thou wouldst preserve me from that deadly Poyson of my Soul; Popery; but since thou hast (blessed be thy Name) placed me in a Goshen, in a Land of Light, since by thy good Providence I have been born, educated, and lived under the glorious sound of the Gospel, most Blessed Father, leave me not to the will of thine and mine Enemies. O hear in Heaven, the habitation of thy Holiness, and answer for Jesus Christ his sake, who is only worthy, to whom with the Father and Holy Spirit be all Honour, Obedience, Glory and Adoration, now becessarth, and for evermore, Amen.

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